

In a telephone conference between the undersigned and Examiner Lewis on December 18, 1996, it was agreed that Wheeler fails to teach or suggest one or more features of each of the independent claims rejected. Therefore, Wheeler can neither anticipate nor render obvious those claims. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection based on Wheeler be withdrawn.

Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 2, 5, 7, 9, 11 - 14, 20, 22, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Wheeler in view of McCain, U.S. Pat. No. 5,309,351. In the same telephone interview, it was agreed that McCain fails to cure the deficiencies of Wheeler and, additionally, McCain does not teach or suggest use of Hypertext Transfer Protocol in any form. Thus, the combination of Wheeler and McCain cannot render the above-mentioned claims obvious. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of these claims be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes that

a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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